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(g) None of the ladies present was deliberately beaten, for at the request of the Deputy Superintendent of Police they withdrew before the order to disperse was given; but during the dispersal Miss P. Kameswaramma who tried to get into one of the cars accidently received on her arm a light blow aimed at somebody else. She admitted at the time that the blow was accidental.

(h) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 184-C.

(i) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to clause (1) of question No. 184-H.

(j) No.

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—NON-OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

Bill.

A BILL TO AMEND THE MADRAS DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES (AMENDMENT) ACT X OF 1930.

* Rai Sahib C. KOLANDA REDDI:—" Mr. President, Sir, I move for leave to introduce my Bill to amend the Madras District Municipalities (Amendment) Act X of 1930:

'*Whereas it is expedient further to amend the Madras District Municipalities (Amendment) Act X of* 1930 *for the reasons hereinafter stated, it is hereby enacted as follows*:

(1) *This Act may be called the Madras District Municipalities (Further Amendment) Act*, 1931.

(2) *In section 40A, delete sub-section* (c) (*b*), *and for sub-section* (c) (*a*) *read* " 4 ".'

" My object in introducing the above Bill is, Sir, that the provision that a chairman or vice-chairman shall be deemed to have vacated office when a motion expressing want of confidence is carried with the support of not less than two-thirds of the sanctioned strength of the council is sufficient to remove an unpopular chairman or vice-chairman from office. The provision contained in sub-section 4 (*b*) that the chairman or vice-chairman shall be deemed to have vacated office if two motions expressing want of confidence are carried with an interval of not less than a month even with a narrow majority of one among those present at the meeting is not conducive either to the efficiency or popularity of the municipal administration. In fact, it encourages disruption and creates an atmosphere of corruption. For this reason I request the leave of the House to introduce the Bill."

Mr. V. T. ARASU:—" I second the motion."

Sriman M. G. PATNAIK Mahasayo:—" I oppose the motion."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—"Mr. President, Sir, at this stage, I can only oppose the motion now before the House.

The Amendment Act was put into operation only in August and as such there has not been much time or opportunity to observe how this particular section has worked, whether it has worked satisfactorily or not. The proposed amendment seeks to oust a chairman or vice-chairman from office only when the motion has the support of two-thirds of the sanctioned strength of the council. Any way, it is too early to have any amendment unless the Amendment Act is in operation for some time longer."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT:—" The question is that leave be granted to Mr. C. Kolanda Reddi to introduce a Bill to amend the Madras District Municipalities (Amendment) Act X of 1930."

The motion was lost.

III.—RESOLUTIONS ON MATTERS OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST.

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" Mr. President, with your permission, I propose that resolutions 1 to 13 in the list of resolutions be postponed until after resolution No. 14 has been disposed of."

Mr. K. R. VENKATARAMA AYYAR:—" I second it."

The motion was put and carried.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ECONOMIC ENQUIRY COMMITTEE.

* Mr. C. INDRAIAH CHOUDARI:—" Mr. President, I move the resolution standing in my name:

> '*This Council recommends to the Government that the recommendations of the Economic Enquiry Committee constituted as per G.O. No.* 385, *dated* 23*rd February* 1929, *be accepted and put into force immediately and the proposals for the enhancement of assessments should not be given effect to in the districts of Godavari West, Godavari East and Kistna.*'

" In moving the above resolution, I have to state a few facts for the information of this House. The last resettlement took place in these three districts in the year 1899 ; and as resettlement is only made every thirty years, it was due in the year 1929. Preliminary to the resettlement, the economic and the agricultural conditions of these districts had to be surveyed. Accordingly Mr. B. G. Holdsworth was appointed as Special Settlement Officer with a view to make a survey of the economic conditions of these districts. Aided by a special staff, he made a survey of the economic conditions in these three districts and submitted his report to Government. Sir, at the instance of Mr. D. Narayana Raju, an ex-Member of this Council, a resolution was passed by this Council urging the appointment of a committee for investigating into the economic conditions of these districts and recommending that pending that enquiry the resettlement proposals should be kept in abeyance. That was on the 28th November 1928. In pursuance of the resolution